

"Together we can"

## Fakenham Primary Federation

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Be the best YOU can be

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week we have had this week. Reception had a visit from a 'big red tractor', Y1 went to the fire station and got to climb aboard an engine, Y2 went to Wells to visit the RNLI and today the second half of Y5 have gone to the racecourse to see how maths is all around us. I was very proud that we received an email from the RNLI saying how amazing the children were – knowledgeable, asking good questions, interested and very well behaved. Most of these were free enrichment activities – free to you and free to us. We are very grateful, as it is so expensive to take the children out these days – mainly due to the cost of a coach. The children love the experiences and remember them for many years, if not throughout their lives.

We have three more weeks of the spring term. They are busy ones too with Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' next week, a reading café next Tuesday for Y5, cinema trips for Y3-6, discos at FINS on the 28<sup>th</sup>, parents evenings at FINS, annual reports due to come out in the last week at FJS – obviously, normal learning happening too. As ever, the staff are working really hard and are very committed to helping the children 'be the best they can be' – remember 'together we can'.

Please can I remind parents about our expectations for staff and email/digital contact. Staff are not expected or encouraged to access or look at emails after 5:30pm or at the weekend. They are, therefore, not expected to reply to any communication in their own time. I realise that you may need to write an email in the evening or weekend, however, please can you use the 'schedule send' facility on emails to have them arrive after 7:30am on a workday. Our Trust ask us to at least acknowledge an email within 24 hours of receiving it – for any email received outside working hours the 24 hours starts from 8am on the next working day. It might be that a fuller response will take longer – this can be up to 5 working days.

End of term is Friday 4th April, at normal time – we do not finish straight after lunchtime before the Easter break. After school club will also run on Friday 4th April. For your diaries and calendars, the children do not return after Easter until Wednesday 23rd April.

I hope you have good weekend,

Regards,

Adam Mason

